

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39 and 41 have been amended. Claims 2, 5, 8, 18, 21, 24, 34, 37 and 40 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9-17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25-33, 35, 36, 38, 39 and 41-47 are pending.

Claim 8, 24 and 40 have been indicated as allowable by the Examiner. The independent claims have been amended to generally include the subject matter of the allowable claims. The subject matter of the intervening claims has also been included. Note that the independent claims have been amended to state “said advertisement describes the plurality of capabilities of the first service,” whereas claims 8, 24 and 40 previously recited “wherein said advertisement describes all of the first service’s capabilities.”

The cited references do not teach or suggest a client locating a first service within the distributed computing environment, wherein the first service provides a plurality of capabilities to clients executing in the distributed computing environment, wherein the client locating a first service comprises the client receiving an advertisement for the first service, wherein said advertisement describes the plurality of capabilities of the first service; the client requesting a capability credential to allow the client access to a portion of the first service’s capabilities, wherein said requesting a capability credential comprises the client sending a capability credential request message indicating a set of desired capabilities, wherein said capability credential request message comprises an identification of said first service and an indication of the set of desired capabilities, wherein said indication of the set of desired capabilities comprises an indication of said advertisement, and wherein said indication of said advertisement in said capability credential request message is a version of said advertisement edited to describe only said set of desired capabilities, as recited in claim 1. Similar remarks apply to independent claims 17 and 33. Accordingly, Applicants assert that the application is in condition for allowance.

## **CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-70400/RCK.

Respectfully submitted,

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